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## Kuipers reminds people of unemployment office closure, offers help

**LANSING** — Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, is offering help to district residents who have used the state's unemployment insurance office in Holland.

The state will close the Holland office, 710 Chicago Drive, Oct. 31.

Kuipers is telling residents to call his office toll free at (877) KUIPERS (584-7377) if they have problems getting unemployment assistance or have difficulty using the state's new system that allows people to file for unemployment services over the telephone.

"If people are having problems getting unemployment benefits in my district, I want to know about it," Kuipers said. "I have staff members ready to help constituents get the resources they need in this tough economic climate."

Instead of going to the Holland office, the state officials have started a telephone hotline that allows people to apply for unemployment benefits. People can call (866) 500-0017 during set days and times. People can file using the Internet at [www.michigan.gov/bwuc](http://www.michigan.gov/bwuc).

The telephone hotline uses a call-in schedule based on the person's last two digits of the Social Security number. For example, someone who has 222-22-2211 as their Social Security number would use '11' to determine they should call between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Mondays or during the day on Thursdays and Fridays.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday and Friday
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	00-15	34-48	67-81	Open call-in
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	16-33	49-66	82-99	